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Sent on behalf of Deryck Trehearne, DG GOC

Colleagues,

**New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 25 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to
officials with the need-to-know.**

NOTE:

As of 26 Feb, Key Points will be distributed once per day; to be reassessed on Feb 28.
As of 26 Feb, the attached map will not be updated unless there are significant changes.

BLUF

- On 24 Feb, the Mayor of Ottawa announced the termination of the State of Emergency. [Link](#)
- Multiple “freedom convoy” related events are planned for the weekend of 26-27 Feb.
- **On 25 Feb, convoy organizer King was denied bail.** Both Lich and Billings remain in custody. [Link](#)
- **Impacts to CI, with live data from the City of Ottawa:** [Convoy webmap](#).

IMPACTED AREAS (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- On 23 Feb, Ontario terminated its State of Emergency. [Link](#)
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 - In the immediate short term, residents can expect that traffic barriers will be maintained in the downtown core.
 - At this stage, the City is completing inspections of the streets where heavy vehicles had been parked and protesters had set up encampments.
- Observation points and security measures will remain, and those without a lawful reason to return to the area may still be subject to arrest. [Link](#)
- On 24 Feb, a few pockets of protesters and vehicles were observed in the area of Wellington St, Queen St, and Laurier Ave W. [Link](#)
- Police resources continue to monitor the protest vehicles staging within and outside of the City of Ottawa limits, as well as any potential protests and counter protests planned within the City.

UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS LINKED TO “FREEDOM CONVOY” (derived from Open Sources)

Nationwide:

- “Freedom Chain”: A call out to hold hands or link arms across Canada, using the Trans-Canada Highway is planned for 05 Mar. It is unclear at this time if this event will impact POEs or critical infrastructure. [Link](#)
- Social media is reporting an event starting 27 Feb entitled “*park all trucks until March 4th*”.

National Capital Region:

- Following the announcement of the revocation of the *Emergencies Act*, the Ottawa Police Service has observed individuals returning to downtown Ottawa.
- There are approximately 100 vehicles staged on a few private sites outside of the downtown core including Vankleek Hill and Arnprior.

New Brunswick:

- An event called “Maritimers-Standing Up for Freedom”, is scheduled to take place on 26 and 27 Feb in Bathurst. At this point, the intentions for this event are unknown.

Newfoundland:

- Convoy and rally is being organized for 26 to 28 Feb commencing in Port-aux-Basques and ending in St. John’s.

Québec :

- “LE CONVOI DE LA LIBERTÉ 2022” is scheduled for 05 Mar. The specific location is unknown at this time.

Saskatchewan:

- Additional events planned for 26 to 27 Feb.

British Columbia

- A potential event may take place in Vancouver between now and 26 Feb. Demonstrators from all over the province are expected to participate.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE):

- **As per ITAC:**
 - **Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.**
 - **The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.**
 - **The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.**
 - **IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.**

International:

- Convoys from across the U.S. are headed to Washington, with protests planned for next week. The Pentagon has approved the deployment of 700 unarmed National Guard troops to assist with traffic control during demonstrations. [Link](#)
- A social media post is calling for US demonstrators to block their side of Ontario bridges to close ports of entry.

Maritime/CCG:

- NSTR

Foreign Interference:

- **RRM Canada has not observed any indicator of Foreign state sponsored interference. No new updates to report.**
- RRM Canada has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy".
- False, negative and misleading content surrounding the *Emergencies Act* and its powers continue to spread, albeit at lower levels as compared to peak periods during the protest. A significant portion

of this discussion continues to come from domestic and transnational communities, including those sympathising with protesters, conspiracy-minded groups, and ideologically motivated networks.

- International networks and state-aligned media (e.g. those aligned with the Indian, Chinese and Russian governments) continue to engage in and cover the discussion, as well as amplify domestic and transnational narratives. These are operating at much lower levels as compared to the overall discussion, and shows some indications of a downward trend. This is likely associated with increased coverage of other international issues and general news/information cycles.

Financing:

- NSTR

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- No concerns at this time.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (Derived from information available on open sources)

- **Multiple peaceful “freedom convoy” related events are planned for the coming weekends across Canada. It is unclear at this time if those events will impact ports of entry or CI.**

Thank you.

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